

**Remarks:**

These remarks are responsive to the Office action dated June 6, 2005.

Prior to entry of this amendment claims 1-28, 34-39 and 41-46 remained pending in the present application. Claims 24-28 and 41-46 have been allowed. Claims 1-23, 34-36, 38 and 39 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiang et al. (US 4,598,305) in view of Kamiya et al. (US 4,622,656). Claim 37 has been indicated allowable if placed in independent form.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 USC §103(a) based on Chiang et al. and Kamiya et al. Nevertheless, in the interest of furthering prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 1-23, 34 and 39 without prejudice. Claim 37 has been amended to independent form in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 35, 36 and 38 have been amended to depend from newly independent claim 37. The Examiner's rejection under 35 USC §103(a) based on Chiang et al. and Kamiya et al. thus is rendered moot.

Regarding the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, applicant respectfully agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed.

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Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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